

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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December 04, 2012

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

35 December 4, 2012

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION
SLOPE EASEMENT ON IRWINDALE AVENUE
NORTH OF QUEENSIDE DRIVE
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF IRWINDALE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

This action will allow the County of Los Angeles to vacate a slope easement on Irwindale Avenue north of Queenside Drive in the unincorporated community of Irwindale that is no longer needed for public use. The vacation has been requested by the underlying property owner to clear the property's title of the easement.

# IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Find that this action is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
- 2. Find that the easement for slope purposes on Irwindale Avenue north of Queenside Drive in the unincorporated community of Irwindale has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8333(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.
- 3. Find that the easement for slope purposes on Irwindale Avenue north of Queenside Drive in the unincorporated community of Irwindale is excess and not required for street or highway purposes and that it may, therefore, be vacated pursuant to Section 8334(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

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- 4. Adopt the Resolution of Summary Vacation.
- 5. Upon approval, authorize the Director of Public Works to record the certified original resolution with the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles.

#### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the County of Los Angeles (County) to vacate the easement for slope purposes on Irwindale Avenue north of Queenside Drive (Easement) in the unincorporated community of Irwindale, since it no longer serves the purpose for which it was dedicated and is not required for public use.

# **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The vacation of the Easement will result in added revenue through assessment and taxation and reduce the County's exposure to potential liability.

#### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The applicant has paid a \$1,500 fee to defray the expense of the investigation. This amount has been deposited into the Road Fund. The fee was authorized by the Board in a resolution adopted May 4, 1982, Synopsis 62 (Fee Schedule), and as prescribed in Section 8321(d) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

#### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The area to be vacated contains approximately 7,308 square feet and is shown on the map that is attached to the enclosed Resolution of Summary Vacation.

The County's interest in the Easement was acquired in 1954 by dedication in Tract No. 18313, recorded in Book 500, pages 34, 35, and 36, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles as an easement for slope purposes.

Mr. Dan Dang, the underlying property owner, requested the vacation of the Easement to clear the property's title of the easement and allow for an additional buildable area.

The California Streets and Highways Code Section 8333(a) provides that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate a public service easement if the easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation.

The California Streets and Highways Code Section 8334(a) provides that the legislative body of a local agency may summarily vacate any excess right of way of a street or highway not required for street or highway purposes.

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Adoption of the enclosed resolution and the subsequent recordation will terminate the County's rights and interest in the Easement and will result in the property being unencumbered by the Easement and available to the property owner for use without restriction of the Easement.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15305 and 15321 of the State CEQA Guidelines, which state that this class of projects consisting of minor alterations in land use, limitations, and actions to revoke entitlement for use, issued and adopted by the regulatory agency, have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action will allow for additional property taxes through the vacation of the Easement.

# **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and one original and one copy of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division, together with a copy of the Board's minute order. Retain one original for your files.

Respectfully submitted,

Hail Farlier

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Director

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**Enclosures** 

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset Management)
 Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
 County Counsel
 Executive Office

# RESOLUTION OF SUMMARY VACATION OF A SLOPE EASEMENT ON IRWINDALE AVENUE NORTH OF QUEENSIDE DRIVE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The County of Los Angeles is the holder of a slope easement (hereinafter referred to as the Easement) in, over, and across the real property legally described in Exhibit A and depicted on Exhibit B, both attached hereto. The Easement on Irwindale Avenue north of Queenside Drive is located in the unincorporated community of Irwindale in the County of Los Angeles, State of California.
- The Easement has not been used for the purpose for which it was dedicated or acquired for five consecutive years immediately preceding the proposed vacation.
- 3. The Easement has been determined to be excess and not required for street and highway purposes.
- 4. The Easement is hereby vacated pursuant to Chapter 4, Part 3, Division 9, of the California Streets and Highways Code, commencing with Section 8330.
- 5. The Director of Public Works, or her designee, is authorized to record the certified original resolution in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, at which time the Easement will be terminated.
- 6. From and after the date this resolution is recorded, the Easement will no longer constitute a street, highway, or public service easement.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JOHN F. KRATTLI County Counsel SACHI A. HAMAI Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

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# **EXHIBIT A**

Project Name: SLOPE EASEMENT ON

IRWINDALE AVENUE

NORTH OF QUEENSIDE DRIVE 1-1VAC

A.I.N. 8417-024-001

T.G. 598-F4 I.M. 144-297 R.D. 118 S.D. 1

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# LEGAL DESCRIPTION

# PARCEL NO. 1-1VAC (Vacation of slope easement):

All that certain portion of land within Lot 242, Tract No. 18313, as shown on map recorded in Book 500, pages 34, 35, and 36, of Maps, in the office of the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, shown and designated as "...54" slope easement to the County of Los Angeles" on said map.

Containing: 7,308± square feet

EXP. 12 /2 LIZ

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APPROVED AS TO DESCRIPTION

By LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR
Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Dated OCT 25 ,2012

